



News Letter

Ms. Diakun: Room 1



From the Classroom

3/1/2016

We have continued our study on winter and what happens during the winter time. We learned about the different kinds of animals and how they prepare for the changes of winter. After exploring different kinds of books, we learned that some animals gather food to have during the winter while others eat an abundance of food to store in their bodies to survive the winter. During our center times we have been incorporating the topic of hibernation. At math we rolled the dice, counted how many dots there were and then counted out that many bears to put in our "caves." At the sensory exploration table we used playdough to make different hibernation stations for our bears. At art we made caves out of bowls and earth colored tissue papers.

We have also really become interested in structures and buildings. From that, some friends used the blocks as dominos so Ms. D thought it would be fun to bring her pack of dominos from home to explore. We moved the tables aside because they were too wobbly and created long and intricate domino paths!

Lastly, we touched upon how we are a kind friend and we each decorated a puzzle piece to work as a group to put together! We came to the conclusion, since our puzzle board wasn't all the way filled up, that we needed to decorate and add more puzzle pieces. Our puzzle is growing!

At the beginning of the month we will review what it means to be an author and illustrator, the different parts of a book and start an Author study on Dr. Suess to learn all about his books and who he was.

Save the Date: Parent-Teacher Conferences which will take place March 15, 16, 17 at school. These days will be half days for students.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me. The school number is 860-647-3501 and my ext. 70201. Emailing is also an easy way to reach me quickly. My email is jdiakun@mpspride.org.

March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		1	2	3	4	
	7	8 9:00-11:00 Policy Council	9	10 Ms. D is out for training	11	
	14	15 ½ Day Conferences 11:00 Dismissal	16 ½ Day Conferences 11:00 Dismissal	17 ½ Day Conferences 11:00 Dismissal	18	
	21	22	23 ½ Day	24	25 NO SCHOOL	
	28	29	30	31		

Class Schedule

8:30 Arrival

8:30- 8:45 wash hands, morning meeting

8:45 - 9:15 Breakfast/Tooth Brushing

9:15 - 9:45 Cooperative Activity
(Monday/Tuesday)
Music(Wednesday)
Art (Thursday)
Gym (Fridays)

9:50-10:20 Outdoor

10:30 - 10:45 Story/Activity

10:45-11:30 Center Time

11:35-12:30 Lunch/Tooth brushing

12:30-1:30 Rest Time

1:30-2:15 Snack/Centers/Group Activity

2:15-2:30 Dismissal



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Try it at Home!

Recipe: Cloud Dough

We made cloud dough for our sensory exploration table. It smells great and has a new texture that our students loved! Feel free to try it at home!

Ingredients

3 Cups Corn Starch

2 Cups Hair Conditioner

Directions

Mix it all together in a bowl. Add extra Corn Starch if it's too sticky.

Important Info.

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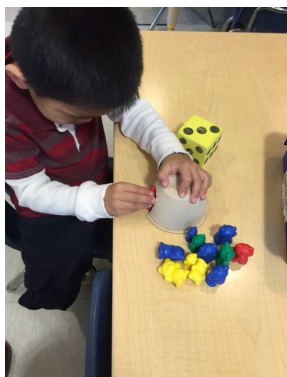
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Counting bear game.



Making habitats for our bears.



Creativity with our dominos.



Building structures!

Books:

- ❖ Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows
- ❖ Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- ❖ Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
- ❖ Lemonade in Winter by Emily Jenkins and G. Brian Karas

Reminders:

- ❖ Please remember to wear sneakers on Fridays!
- ❖ Please try and complete our home to school connection handout with your child!
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